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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: John B. Turner, Jr.

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017
OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 TO MEMPHIS
BEARS, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY
CHAIRMAN MELVIN BURGESS.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 24) passed on August 1, 2016 (the "CEP Resolution"), the Shelby County Board of Commissioners created a Community Enhancement Program and established policies and guidelines for the appropriation and disbursement of County funds to governmental entities and non-profit civic and charitable organizations meeting certain criteria, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Said CEP Resolution provides that all grant appropriations pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program shall promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and shall only be available to support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that community enhancement grant proceeds must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that such grants shall be approved to specific entities by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That funds from the FY2017 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to Memphis Bears, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.00 as a grant listed in Exhibit A hereto for the projects detailed in the attached plan of services for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said grant proceeds must promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements, and must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and execute a grant contract with the specific entities designated herein within thirty (30) days of the grantee's compliance with the grant awarding conditions set forth in the CEP Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of grant funds shall be made as provided by the CEP Resolution and the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants for all amounts appropriated herein, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

Exhibit A
Community Enhancement Grants
FY 2017

Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. __) passed _____, 2017

Memphis Bears, Inc.

Grant Agency Memphis Bears, Inc.

Type of Grant Project

Grant Amount \$5,000.00

Sponsor(s) Chairman Melvin Burgess

Purpose Memphis Bears, Inc.'s (MBI) purpose is the empower, enhance and enrich youth through education, discovery, and sports competitions to boys and girls ranging between the ages of 6 and 12, in a fun, safe, and exciting environment. They have served inner-city youth since 1996, and have continually expanded their efforts in the Frayser/North Memphis communities growing from 25 at inception to approximately 200-250 boys and girls annually with nearly 60 adult professional volunteers. They have built an excellent track record of helping children improve their lives, and assisting in protecting from the neighborhood's criminal element. Funds allocated through the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be utilized for Memphis Youth Academy of Dreams/Field of Dreams project. It will provide a safe, structured environment necessary for Frayser/Raleigh/North Memphis and adjacent areas to foster the highest standards of excellence through its programs which will cultivate, develop, empower and enrich our youth for years to come. The need for this project is determined by the issues that plague these communities such as poverty, teen pregnancy, illiteracy, violent crimes, gang activity, and other elements that threaten the health, safety, and well-being of children. Effectiveness of this project will be measured by pulling data from the Memphis Police Department crime reports for the Frayser/North Memphis/Raleigh areas to see if

there is a decrease in criminal activities because of the project as well as a survey administered to past participants to gauge the impact MBI has had in their lives.